ARVIND NETAM): (a) Mast of the recommendations of the Commitee on Agricultural Productivity in Eastern India (Dr. S. R. Sen Committee) have been accepted.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee were discussed at a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Eastern States convened at Patna in January, 1986. In that Conference 'here was wide agreement on strategic recommendations. Since agriculture is a State subject, the concerned State Governments were advised to implement the recommendations as part of their Plan Programme. In order to review the progress of action taken by various States, Government of India convened another meeting in September, 1992 at New Delhi (which was not attended by any Chief Minister). The information received so far reveals that many of the recommendations are by and large, included in the States' various ongoing and new programmes.

(c) While the physical targets were generally realised, there was some shortfall in the utilisation of funds during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The financial provisions for the Eighth Five Year Plan are more or less in keeping with the outlays suggested by the Sen Committee Report. It is too early to say about achievement of physical targets during the Eighth Plan.

Excess or normal rains in the States

1061. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rainfall during the period from 1st June, 1993 to 9th September, 1993 has been very encouraging for the improvement of agricultural production;

(b) the total excess or normal rains in the States;

(c) what were the States which had excess rains and those where there was shortfall of rains;

(d) whether the rains during Septem ber are important for grain filling and maturity of crops and also substatial retention of soil moisture for rabi sowings; and

(e) to what extent these rains have brightended the performance of Kharif and rabi prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) During 1st June to 8th September, 1993 of south-West monsoon period, the cumulative rainfall was normal or excess of the normal throughout the country except Saurashtra & Kutch, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Bihar plateau, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands were it was deficient. The total rainfall for the country as a whole at that point of time was 97% of the normal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The rains received in- September, 93 have improved the production prospects of kharif paddy and coarse cereals which were suffering due to long dry spell in the month of August, 1993. These rains have also provided sufficient soil moisture for undertaking extensive sowings of rabi crops.

Launching of Master Programme to Boost Agriculture in M P.

1062. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state-

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Govern ment has launched Master programme to bring 3,00,000 hectares of cultivable land under assured irrigation to boost agricul ture;

(b) if so, what are the main fraetures of the proposed scheme;

(c) what are the districts that will be covered under the Scheme;

(d) whethec irrigated land in *the* State account for 80 per cent of the total cultivated agriculture land;

(e) by when, this land will be made fully cultivable; and

.(f) what is the total amount to be spent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARV1ND NETAM): (a) No such Master programme has been taken by Stat.* Department of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

"धारा" और आय खाद्य तेलों के मूल्य में वृद्धि

1063 श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान "धारा" और अन्य खाद्य तेलों के मूल्यों में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है और यह वृद्धि कब से हुई है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) "मार्केट इन्टरवेंशन आरगेनाइजेशन" किन कारणों से खाद्य तेल क्रय नहीं कर सका ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा "मार्केट इन्टरवेंशन आरगेनाइजेशन" को कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया जा चुका है और कितनी धनराशि अभी बकाया है ?

गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री और कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान धारा के मूल्य में वृद्धि का ब्यौरा विवरण पर दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए) धारा का मूल्य खुले तेल के मूल्य और धारा के मूल्य के बीच अंतर कम करने तथा धारा तेल के दुरुपयोग को रोकने के लिए समय-समय पर राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा संशोधित किया जाता है ।

(ख) वित्तीय वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान मंडी हस्तक्षेप कार्यों के लिए संशोधित निबंधन और शर्तों में पिछले वर्ष से आगे ले जाए गए स्टाक के साथ मंडी हस्तक्षेप की व्यवस्था की गई है ।

(ग) मंडी हस्तक्षेप कार्यों द्वारा वहन की गई हानि की प्रतिपूर्ति के लिए मार्च, 1993 तक राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा 242.82 करोड रुपए के दावे में से अब तक 10.56 करोड रुपए की प्रतिपूर्ति की गई है :

विवरण

धारा ब्रांड तेल का का खुदरा मूल्य (रु० प्रति लिटर पैक)

	22 जुलाई 93	25 अग. 93	10 सित. 93*
परिष्कृत मूंगफली का तेल	48	48	48
2. डबल फिल्टर्ड मूगफली का ल	38	41	42
3. परिष्कृत सरसों का तेल	34	36	37.50
4. डबल फिल्टर्ड सरसों का तेल	32	34	36

*10 सितम्बर, 1993 से अब तक धारा के मूल्यों में कोई परिवर्तन नहीं किया गया है ।

Provisions of scientific storage facilities in Gujarat

1064. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to provide scientific storage facilities especially to the farmers during farming m scientific manner and also to the marginal fanners at village level;

(b) if so, what are the details 'thereof; and

(c) what is the number of such go-downs set up in Gujarat during the last year, district-wise?